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1. SECOND DIVISION, WITH COOPERATION OF OTHER MILITARY AND POLICE UNITS, IS IN PROCESS OF TAKING OVER ASMARA. THEY HAVE CLOSED THE MILITARY AIR BASE TO ALL FLIGHTS. SECOND DIVISION TROOPS HAVE SURROUNDED THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUILDING WITH THE PHONES AND TELEX REMAINING IN OPERATION. NO ONE ANSWERS THE PHONE AT TELECOMMUNICATIONS SO I AM UNSURE WHETHER THE EMPLOYEES ARE ON STRIKE OR WORKING UNDER THE EYE OF THE ARMY TROOPS. TROOPS HAVE ALSO ARRESTED MEDHANIE JOSEPH (ASST GOVGEN) AND ORDERED THE GOVGEN TO REMAIN AT HIS RESIDENCE.

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2. LTCOL BERHANU SECOND DIVISION G-2, CALLED COMMANDER

NOGGLE TO ADVISE HIM TO RESTRICT ENTRY OF ETHIOPIAN NATIONALS AT KAGNEW STATION. COMMANDER NOGGLE HAS TAKEN THIS ACTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH RESTRICTING LIBERTY OF KAGNEW STATION PERSONNEL TO THE BASE. COMMANDER VOLLMER, NAVY MAAG, REPORTS THAT THE SITUATION IS CALM IN MASSAWA.

3. TWO MAC CARGO MISSIONS AND ONE MEDEVAC MISSION ARE SCHEDULED TO LAND AND DEPART AT ASMARA TODAY. SINCE THERE IS NO PRESENT INDICATION THAT CIVILIAN AIRPORT WILL BE CLOSED TODAY I HAVE ADVISED THEM TO CONTINUE MISSIONS BUT BE PREPARED TO DIVERT THEM IF SITUATION SHOULD SUDDENLY CHANGE.

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